IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO.10106 OF 2004

Dr.M.G.Purohit Petitioner

vs.

1. Chairman,
Grievance Cell Committee of Pune
University, Pune & ors. Respondents

Mr.K.J.Kandpile for the petitioner.

Mr.Girish Kulkarni i/b. Mr.M.G.Kulkarni for respondents 1 and 2.

Mr.Aniruddha Pratinidhi for respondents 3 and 4.

Mr.S.R.Nargolkar, A.G.P. for respondent no.5.

CORAM : R. M. LODHA &
R. S. MOHITE,JJ.

DATED : 14th March 2005

P.C.

Heard.

2. It is not in dispute that the petitioner's grievance pertaining to the amount towards encashment of earned leave on petitioner's superannuation is pending before the Grievance Committee, Pune University, Pune. The petitioner superannuated on 31st January 2003. According to him, he is entitled to the payment on account of encashment of earned leave of 180 days standing to his credit on the date of superannuation. The grievance to the Grievance Committee constituted

under section 57 of the Maharasshtra University Act, 1994 appears to have been made by the petitioner on 18th August 2004. It has been more than six months that petitioner's grievance remained unattended by the Grievance Committee that led to the petitioner in approaching this court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India. Looking to the subject matter, the Grievance Committee was expected to attend to the petitioner's grievance expeditiously. Be that as it may, we are of the view that the Grievance Committee should consider the petitioner's grievance dated 18th August 2004 (Ex.C) expeditiously.

3. We, accordingly, dispose of this writ petition by the following order:

(i) The Grievance Committee, Pune University, Pune is directed to hear and decide the petitioner's grievance about encashment of unutilised earned leave on superannuation as expeditiously as possible and in no case later than eight weeks from the date of receipt of this order.

(ii) If the decision of the Grievance Committee is adverse to the petitioner, needless to say that it would be open to the

petitioner to challenge such order in appropriate proceedings in accordance with law.

(R.M. LODHA,J.)

(R.S. MOHITE,J.)